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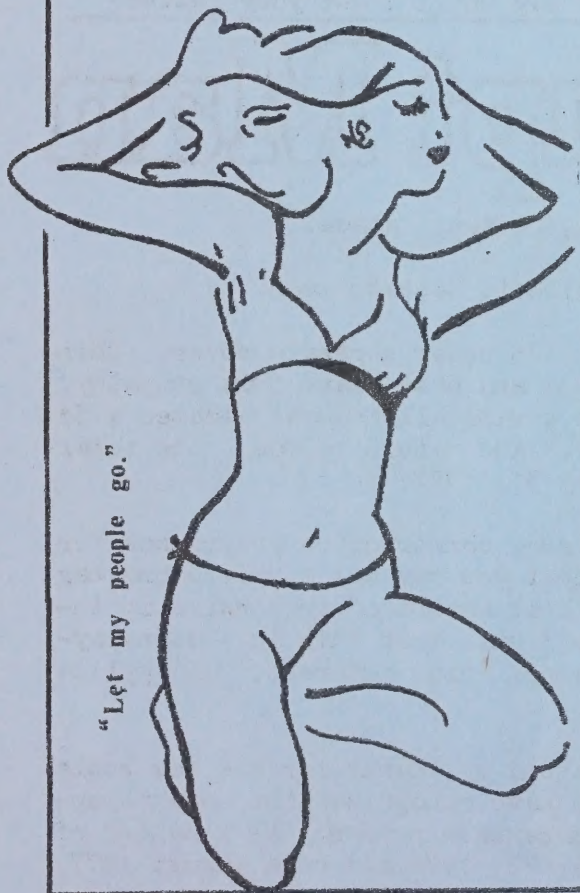

"Let my people go."

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Okay, Fans,

Dear Editor:

I more or less enjoy reading OFF THE WALL but there is one thing that I find very discouraging. It does not seem to matter what program or project someone tries, you feel that it is your duty to criticise it. You never seem to have anything good to say about anything. Life must be very sad for you. I would think that you are very miserable and I believe if you found something to believe in, something to support - you would be a much happier man. Why don't you try to find the good that is within all of the Lords creations.

With Spiritual Love Saskatoon, Sask.

Thanks -I do see some of the good in the world. For one thing, it was an extremely good day until I got your letter!

The Bankrupt Man

To: Mr. A. Therrien, Commissioner of Penitentiaries, Ottawa, Canada.

From: Larry Smith #4360, Convict, Box 160, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

Dear Sir: I am sending you a money order for $2.25 under seperate cover. This money is being sent to you to demonstrate my deepest and most heart felt sympathy. I am happy to say that your extraordinary charity in giving all Federal inmates a 5¢ a day, raise has inspired me to return your gesture, and return to you, the total amount of the raise from November 22, 1976 to January 31, 1977.

Knowing how hard you work at formulating new and more constructive programmes for inmates, I thought I would send you my "raise" so that you may buy a half-pound bag of "institutional instant coffee". However, the total amount of that raise is insufficient to pay the full price of this coffee, so I have sent this as a down-payment, and will be pleased to send the remaining balance, plus interest, if applicable, at the end of February.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my thanks for the new scale that is to come into effect in August of 1977. You have recognized the need to upgrade inmates pay to cover the mammouth increases in canteen prices. As a matter of fact, wou gave me a 5¢ a day raise effective November 22, 1976 and come August 1977,

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it is nice to know that you will take that 5¢ per day back again!

Obviously, you realize that you have been tooooooo generous in giving such a huge raise, and it is good to know that you will withdraw the insult this raise clearly represents and at the same time, keep the prison system in reverse and full regression. Thank you kindly, SIR! Sincerely - Larry Smith.

What 1977 Will Bring

February 14, 1977.

Dear Mr. Smith: I have been asked to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Feb.4, addressed to the Commissioner of Penitentiaries concerning Pay Scales. I read your letter with interest and thank you for taking the time to send us your comments on the recent increments. However, because the whole pay structure is currently under further review, it is not possible for me to comment further, at this particular time.

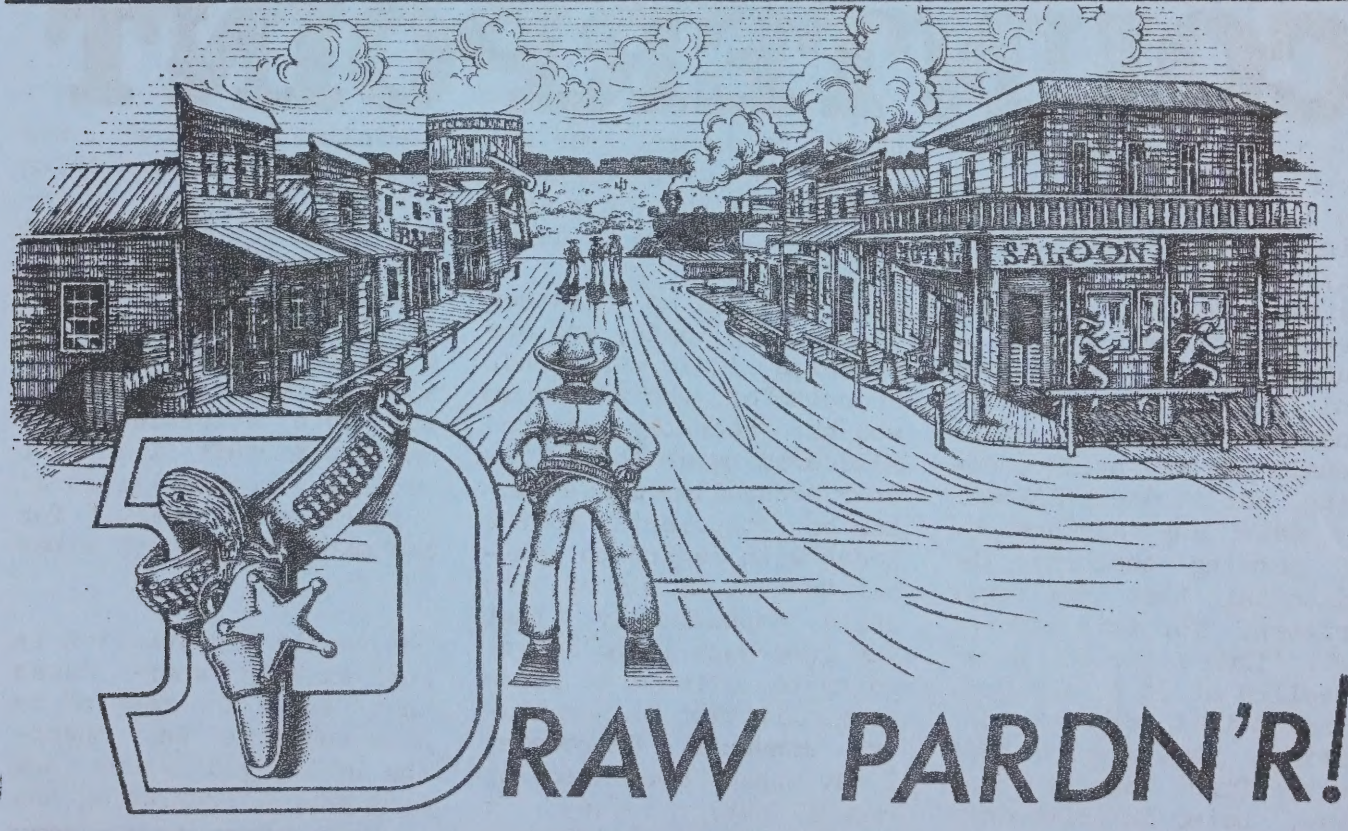
Sincerely yours, C. G. Rutter, Ottawa.

Triumph of the Will

February 23, 1977

Dear Mr Smith: I refer to your letter dated February 4, 1977 and to my reply, dated February 14, 1977. The Commissioner of Penitentiaries acknowledges receipt of the attached Canadian Postal Money Order in the amount of $2.25. The money order cannot be accepted, therefore it is being returned to you. Please find attached a Canadian Postal Money Order, Serial No. 2531214387, issued on the 8, February 1977, Office No. 546585, in the amount of $2.25.

Yours sincerely, C. G. Rutter, Ottawa.



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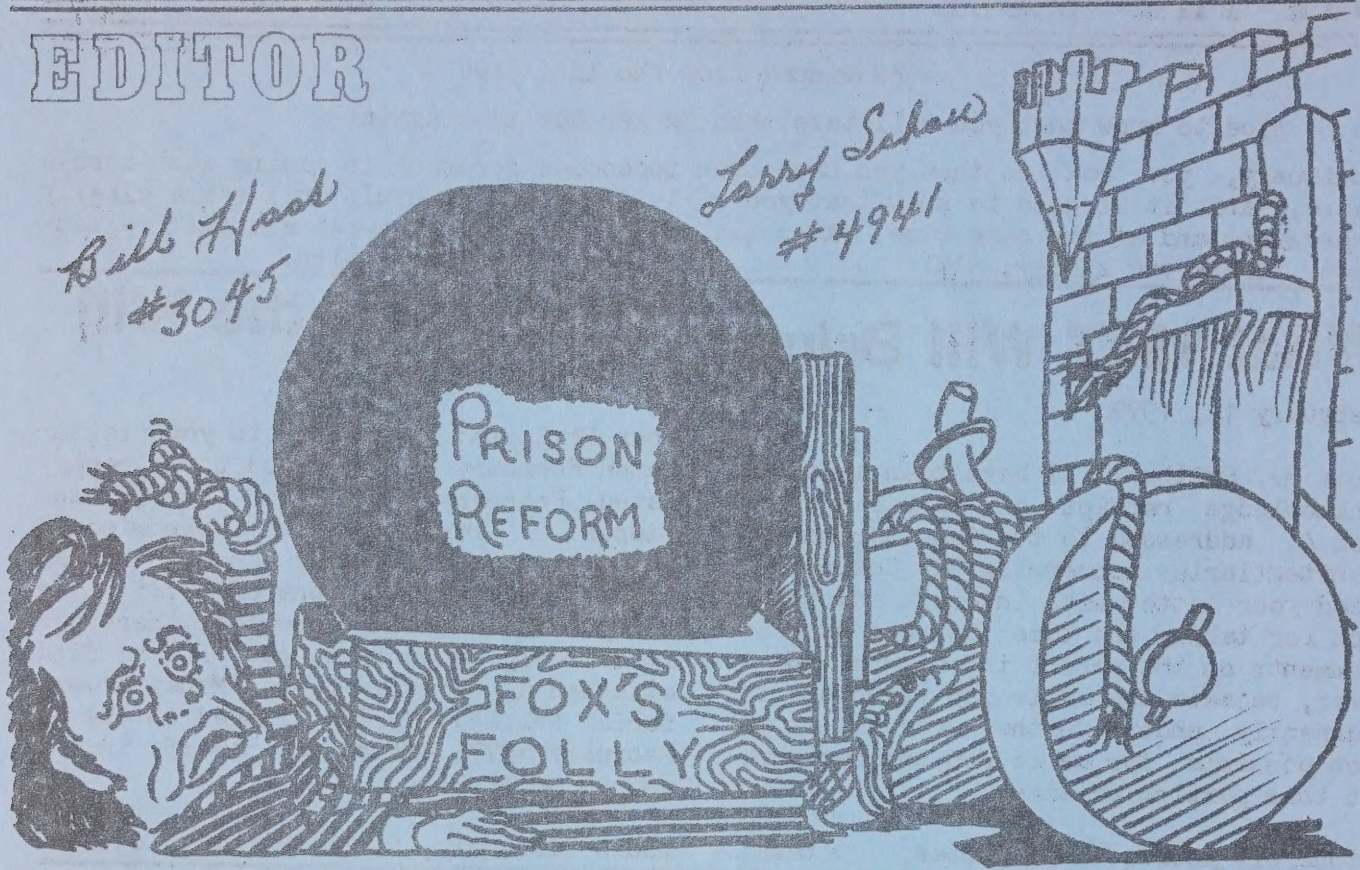


COUNTERPOINT

Great Cheer, bring out the beer. OFF THE WALL is back in business. We were pouting and it looked like it may have been quite a run before someone else was prepared to carry the ball. But here we are - great joy and all. No bells, we will just go about business as usual. We are still pouting, but it does not seem to make any difference. Of passing concern, the editorial that was first written, for this column, fell 'from a vicious blow' levelled at it by the department that does our censoring. That was our beef in the first place. However, being in prison and having no control over any thing, we either have to live by the decisions made for us, or cease to live.

This brings up a rather interesting topic, and one of which I am very fond. Francis Fox, the gentleman who has recently started masquerading as the Solicitor General has made a number of statements to the press with regard to rehabilitation. He states, and quite emphatically, that the guberment is no longer going to attempt to force rehabilitation on unwilling convicts. Oh goodie, I never had much use for rehabilitation anyway. It seems that every time I was lining up to do something that was fun, good old rehab would get in the way & spoil everything. Now that rehab is gone, maybe I will be able to go back to being a dirty scoundrel and I will no longer have to pay too much attention to my manners & stuff like that because 'unrehabilitated' convicts are "famous" for bad manners - amongst other things.

The really big question is just exactly where "does that leave the rest of us poor subjects who spent the last - god knows how many years, suffering the

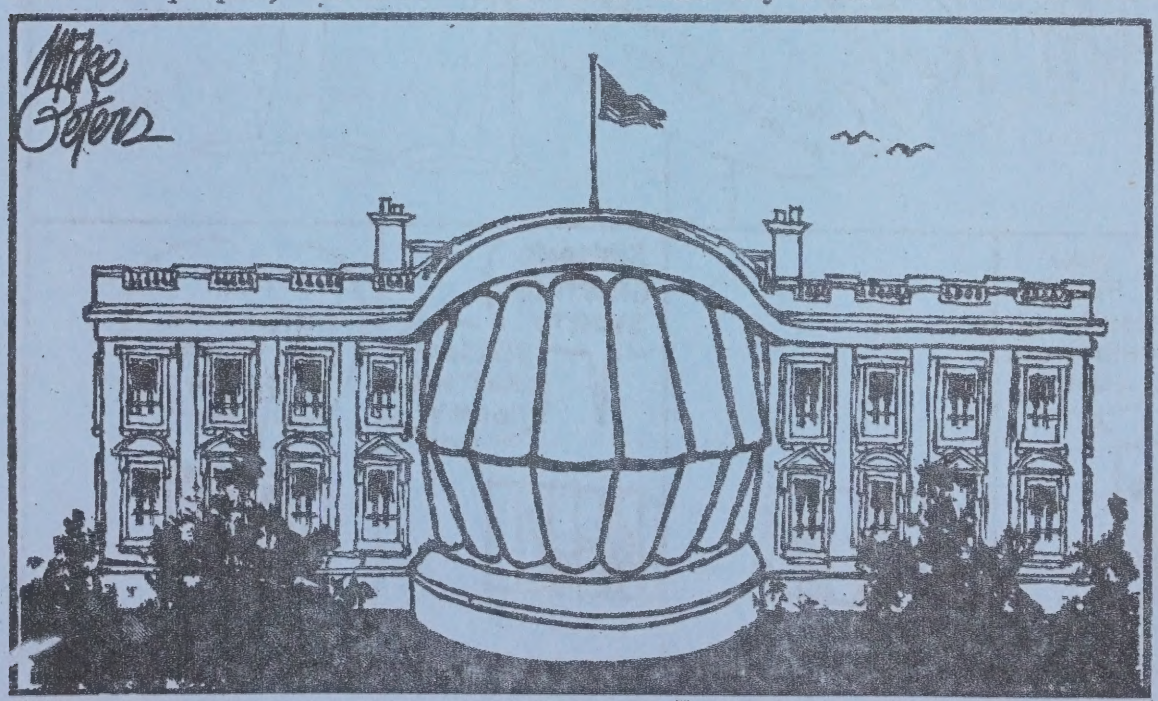
very negative aspects of having rehabilitation rammed home. Will we be compensated for having had to suffer "un-wanted rehab or will we be just like the native people of the arctic - paved over in the rush?"

I think that there may be an even more profound question involved with this supposed new approach. Is there any garauntee that whatever they do next - do to us that is-will be more sucessful than the programes that they are currently abandoning. This is obviously significant in that it shows the general disregard that is characteristic of most guberment bodies that are responsible for the care and treatment of human beings. The whole point revolves around the totally idiotic policy of implementing programs that affect, sometimes large numbers of people, without taking the time to find out just what effect these programs will have on the those that 'are having it done to them'.

I would like to believe that "our keepers" truly believe that they are able and willing to help us. Regretfully, this belief is illinformed and niave! Repeated blunders and past records illustrate "that the people recieving - treatment" don't matter in the least. All treatment programs are politically motivated, and as often as not, politically expedient as well.

That is not to say that the little fellows, on both sides, trapped in the system, don't care. There are a whole slew of well-meaning social workers involved in the rehab trip! But, need I point out that 25¢ and a whole bag of good intentions will buy a coffee and you could have got the coffee if you just had the quarter. Good intentions never paid the rent or bought the groceries. It is really rather pathetic - these poor social workers are in worse shape than the dirty old cons. At least the cons can see through all the bogus talk of policy, reform and rehab. The social workers are so confused that they even get to believing the dribble that they are spewing forth, and at a terrible rate as well.

Now - what has this got to do with me? Basically, if you are a convict and are presently in a joint somewhere, watch out - because you are in for a bad time. The guberment no longer is following the 'be nice to convicts' policy that it instituted, for political gain, during the sixties. But there is a big catch!



S·M·I·L·E

Not only are they no longer following it, the cons of the seventies will have to pay the price for the error in the ways of the politicians of the sixties. And that is a heavy trip - Liberal judges sentenced men to much longer sentences than they would have normally recieved because "the parole board was going to let them out anyway" so now all those guys that got the heavy time have to serve it - because the parole board ain't letting people out - NO WAY!

And there are other terror tactics in the wind. Long periods of solitary confinment await rabble rousers and politically active cons of the 80's. Why? *Because the gubermentfeels that those involved in such activities during the past few years have gotten away to easily. So, it is time to make someone pay! And, it matters not in the least if the perpetraitor or an independant observer who pays - just as long as someone picks up the tab. I could go on for some time on all of the benefits that await the unsuspecting felon of the late 70's and early 80s but it is a very depressing subject. If it is some comfort - the mid 80's should witness the dawning of an era of really good things - they will just plug you into a machine and fry your brain. And they will do it so that it will be "Politically Good" to boot!!!!!

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ONE-OF-A-KIND

BROKE WITNESS COPS CONFIRM An RCMP in Nanaimo told the B.C. Supreme Court murder trial that a man who was a potential witness in a murder trial was questioned so exhaustively by police working in shifts that he finally broke down crying, sobbing, and vomitting! Under cross examination Constable Dew said that the witness was interrogated for 23 hours while police officers took rest in shifts and that the police had yelled at the man so loudly that he had stuffed toilet paper in his ears. Dew said that the police had offered the man $50,000 & safe passage to Austrailia as well as imunity from prosecution. The witness was taken to the scene of the crime and made to lay in the spot where the body had been found. The police then placed revolvers on the man's head and neck and pulled the trigger. The guns were unloaded at the time.

Movies

March - Rancho Deluxe
- Vigilante Force
- Scorpio
- Gordon's War
- The Mechanic
- Electric Glide Blue
- Capone

April - Buffalo Bill
- Dirty Mary
- Duch & Dirtwater
- Skydivers
- Fr. Connection II
- Race the Devil
- Assignment to Kill
- Chinese Connection
- Judge Roy Bean

May - Scare Crow
- Red Sun

Heavenly Mandate

UNION TO BLAME - Ottawa. Repeated charges have been levelled against the Guards Union. Inmates have pointed out these problems repeatedly but no action was taken. However, recently the high echelon has added some credibility to the claim that the Union may be provoking trouble in order to obtain higher wages and more fringe benefits. Mr. McLeod, former Commissioner from 1960-70, has added his voice to the growing list of people who lay, at least some of the blame, on the union.

Officials in Ottawa are presently seeking some way to control the Union's power in decision making capacities because they feel that there is a decided conflict of interest between what may be good for the staff and what is good for the inmates. It has been seriously suggested that the Union be broken down into smaller locals & possibly farned out to other Unions so that they couldn't refuse orders.

Wait Until Dark

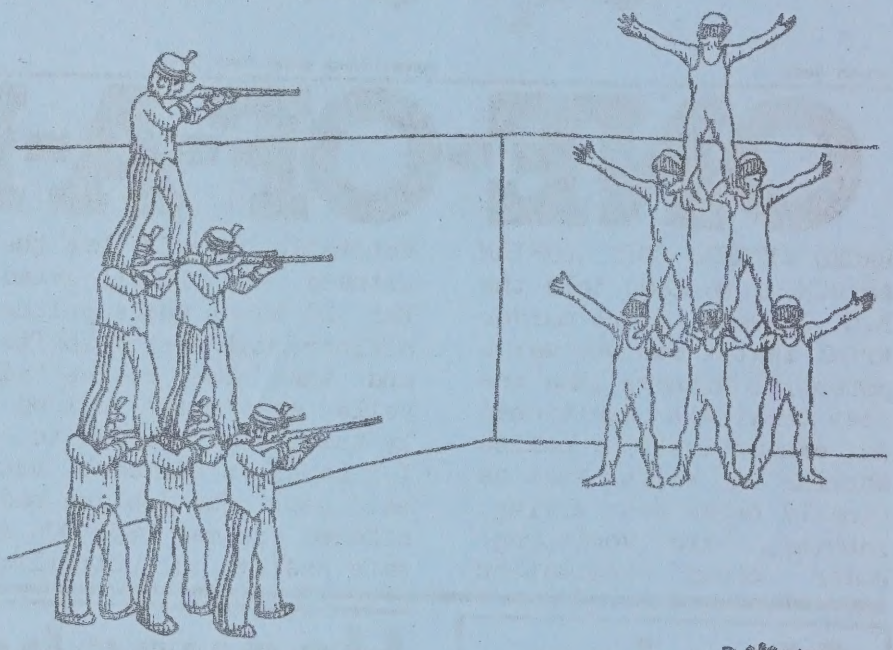
UNITED STATES - Criminals killed 109 local, State & Federal Law Enforcement Officers during 1976. This is 20 LESS than in 1975 when 129 were slain. Following is the categorical-breakdown of the score:

Making arrests.....26
Robberies.....15
Burglaries.....8
Disturbance calls.....19
Ambushes.....13
Suspicious persons?.....11
Traffic.....10
True nut cases.....4
Moving prisoners.....3

Now, this may confuse the average person but it suggests that it is "3" times as safe to transport prisoners thanit is to direct traffic. Now, you may ask, why is the Public Service Alliance seeking so much money for danger pay- HELL they could be out directing traffic where it is REALLY DANGEROUS.

1946

MICKEY ROONEY SAYS HANG the SOBs in a public park! Always nice to see support like that. It seems that Rooney made a movie inside San Quentin. He is now an expert to decide that all persons convicted of murder should be hung 30 days after they have been convicted. This would shorten the time wasted in appeal courts. In order for the State to be able to afford the ever increasing cost of justice the hangings should be performed in public with admission charged.



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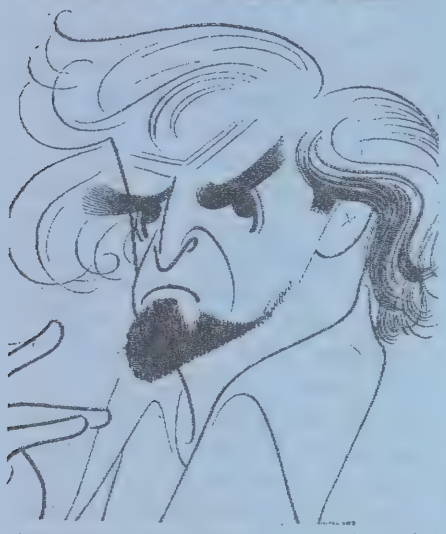
SOUND AND FURY

MUSIC LOVERS TOP 25
February

1. Blinded By The Light
2. New Kid In Town
3. Torn Between Two Lovers
4. Car Wash
5. Somebody To Love
6. After The Lovin'
7. You Don't Have To Be A Star
8. I Wish
9. Dancing Queen
10. Lost Without Your Love
11. The Rubberband Man
12. Dreamboat Annie
13. You Make Me Feel Like Dancing
14. Hot Line
15. Sherry
16. Year Of The Cat
17. Tonights The Night
18. Walk This Way
19. Lovin' Thing
21. Gonna Do My Best To Love You
22. Evergreen
23. Beth
24. Happier
25. Sorry, Seems To Be The Hardest Word

Peace Is Not Yet At Hand



INMATE COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

President - Howie McInroy
Vice President - Tom Symes
Sports - Chops Hunter
Hobby Canteen-Stretch Hall
Socialization, Segregation, Kitchen, Library - McShane

Secretary - Larry Smith

By this time the slate has already changed somewhat and the Committee has to work short handed. Donnie McShane is being held in 'Dissassociation' and has been removed from the committee at the direction of the Director. JOY!

'Socials'

THE NATIVE BROTHERHOOD held a social March 4 which was attended by almost 50 outside guests and featured a number of Inside entertainers.

Athlete's Foot

UPDATE - If you are one of the trusting who is apt to believe everything that the guberment says, you will probably be in for a suprise. OFF THE WALL - has recently learned that some bureaucrat has just laid aside $200,000 to renovate C - 6 and C - 7. The plans call for 06 & 7 to be converted into a Tailor shop and Canvas shop respectively. After this is completed, the area where the tailor & Canvas shops are presently located will be converted to dormitories. The reason for this is that both of the proposed dorms will be MUCH bigger, on a par with the present C - 3 dorm, and be capable of holding 80 men EACH! Now does that sound like they plan to reduce the population of P.A. to 300 by '79?

Present count is about 520 with about 160 people living in dorms. Plans also call for building a special 40 man Super-Security UNIT somewhere out in the field by the Stores building. That will increase capacity to 40 + 320 on the blocks, plus 240 in 3 80 man dorms. My adding may not be much but that sounds like 600 instead of 300! Somebody is either wasting $200,000 or bull-shitting! For sure!

'We Do the Impossible'

LOW LEVELS OF EDUCATION "None of the 169 guards at Archambault MAXIMUM Security Federal Prison has gone beyond High School and most didn't reach Grade 10. 99 of the staff had not reached Grade 10. - Another study of 13 Medium Security institutions indicated that of the 13 Wardens: 1 had not reached Grade 10, 8 had from Grade 10 to 12, and only 4 had a University degree.

Guards complain bitterly that they are unable to handle the "new-breed" of well educated "criminals" that now fill the prisons. They fear that these 'smart ass punks are making fun of them'.

'The Ultimate Free Lance'

RETIREMENT BENEFITS-GUARDS want the same retirement benefits as the RCMP have. Guards have stated that "few survive the 35 years needed to retire". They claim that few guards remain fresh and active after ten years on the job. They say that 'tension related illnesses claim many lives" and that most staff are "burnt out"after a few years. They are demanding retirement after 25 years with 50% pay of their highest 6 years.

Part of the bitterness of their plight is manifest by all encompassing complaints such as - "Nothing will work, not new programs or new jails, nothing will work until the moral of the staff is improved!"

doing something about it.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 8-77. This was the first meeting and following is the summary results:

a) Mail boxes will be placed in segregation and the penthouse.

b) Saturday mail delivery will be started again.

c) Committee will be given access to see people in segregation.

d) Lights will be turned off on the ranges 11 p.m.

e) The music room will be remodelled with acoustic tile.

f) Discussion about releasing some of the guys presently in seg. No favorable response.

g) Faster releasing of the guys who have visits - it has not yet been managed but the committee is still working on it.

h) Microphone for radio room operator - not yet.

i) trying for 2-way half time - to be brought up again in April.

j) Trying for outside hockey teams - blaaahhhh.

Reports.

MEETING OF FEBRUARY 15-77.

a) Casual clothes may only be worn on the week-end & during the evening recreation. I guess that means that you can't wear casuals for visits during the week but, if my memory serves - one of the reasons for casuals in the first place was for visits.

b) No shows for people in seg until the new handling unit is built.

c) Looking into re-cycling the pop cans which would bring substancial revenue.

d) Questions were raised why some other prisons issue running shoes as part of standard issue but P.A. does not. Told that there was no allocation in the budget and that a letter should be sent to the Commissioner or Pens.

e) Further discussion on the people presently held in seg under 230(1)(a). No better results than last time.

f) Shower taps will be eventually installed in the showers on the ranges instead of the present push button types.

g) The committee will take out subscriptions for news papers and these papers will be made available to the guys in seg.

h) Hot water will be delivered twice a day to the guys in seg for use in making instant coffee in the cells.

i) Hobby lockers are now available. Small lockers cost $10.00 and big ones go for $11.50.

PROJECT HOPE

Backyard

MEETING OF MARCH 2, 1977

There was no meeting on February 22, because the prison was closed as a result of the RCMP investigation.

a) Further requests concerning the guys in seg.

b) Some improvements to the radioroom were discussedand approved in part.

c) A request for a coffee machine to be placed in the visiting room.

d) 3 of the following shampoos will be added to the canteen list: Brute, Gee, Johnsons, or Milk Plus 6.

e) Plans are in the works to start a pre-release program for this institution. All of the people that serve all of their sentences rather than going out on parole will be eligible for pre-release "for the last 3 months of their bit."

f) Dimmer switches for the range lights will be controlled by the dome keeper.

g) It was suggested that the menu needed revising. This was generally acceptable - do we get pizza?

Sign Up Here

INMATE COMPENSATION -Labor Canada has recently published a pamphlet on the new 'Inmate' Compensation program. Any inmate is eligible who has been injured while working inside the prison provided that the injury was not self inflicted. In the event of death, the inmates next of kin and dependants are eligible to receive some compensation, provided the dependant submits a claim within 3 months of death.

The following rates of compensation are presently in effect:

$400 - funeral expenses
$150 -per month for spouse
$40 - per month for kids
$50 -for kids loosing both parents.

Total compensation cannot exceed 75% of the monthly federal minimum wage.

Should the inmate be partially or totally disabled but still live, the Federal minimum wage will be used as a base to determine the level of compensation. My calculations suggest that a person is eligible to higher benefits from welfare. Big hairyal deal!

MAYDAY

SYSTEMATIC ABUSE - S.D.C. Formerly S.C.U or S.D.U., has once more surfaced to public attention. The infamous joint which used to be the site of the gubernments efforts to break the 'hard' criminal types, is now fronting as a SuperMax until the guberment is able to build some. Inmates claim that they are subject to intentional and systematic abuse by a number of the staff. This includes: extensive use of the hole, routine gasings, being, kept awake at night, being served either ice cold food or in some cases no food, 23½ hour a day lock up and verbal abuse.

Frankenstein with the Little Girl

PRISONERS PRIVACY VIOLATED Victoria - Former attorney general A MacDonald charged that some male prison guards are violating the privacy of female inmates at the Oakalla Correctional Centre in Burnaby. He stated that although there is a policy in effect that forbids men entering the cellsand rooms unless they are accompanied by a female guard, men are ignoring these rules and "doing what they please"!

How to kick

EXPERIMENTAL TESTS SHOW the idea of furloughs for convicts really does make sense. It has been shown that rarely will a man go of the lam when he's been released to spend a short time with his wife and kids. Even though he is completely unsupervised. And the threat of denying a man a furlough would be the best 'disciplinary' measure of all,a cinch to work on the hardest and toughest criminals.

Money Speaks Up

SWINDIER SENTENCED - All a person has to keep in mind when stealing is to be sure to steal enough to be able to pay the lawyer fees. John Bernard Chabot, 50, a real estate salesman was sentenced to ONE year for trying to bilk a elderly WIDOW of $500,000.

OF THE DOVE

REPEALING DRUG LAWS IS better than new prisons! In a brief to the Commons Committee, the John Howard Society suggested that the wiser course would be to repeal some of the drug laws rather than to continue to build new prisons to confine, primarily drug related offenders in. The prairie region has 1,800 prisoners. It was estimated that 25% were for drug related offences.

Only $729 away

ONTARIO -Something similar to the old con-force that operated out of Sask. Pen. during the early 70's has been started in Ontario provincial jails and the authorities are very pleased with the results. ConForce was a work release program in which inmates, screened and sponsored by other inmates were permitted to work un-supervised in the community and return to the prison at night. It was one of the forerunners of the work release programs but was shut down by the National Parole Service because it utilized back-to-back T. L. A's. There were absolutely no failures in more than 18 months operation. The NPS tried to pattern the Temporary Parole system after ConForce but they have never reached anywhere near the 100%! success rate that Con-Force enjoyed. Ex-Director, Tom Ellis and present Director Mr Jim O'Sullivan were both heavily committed to Con-Force but it was closed down over their strenuous, OBJECTIONS.

burning desire

JUSTICE STINKS LIKE BURNT flesh! A recent news article accussed the sister of one of the unfortunates who was burned to death in Stratford of being in contempt of court for crying during the inquest. It was stated that she was trying to unfairly sway the verdict by using theatrical gestures and that a display such as this was completely out of place in our dignified court rooms!

The reporter felt that the proceedings were "marred" by her emotional outbursts and that while the coroner had shown great restraint, this type of 'antic' was out of place in court.

AMERICA SHOULD KNOW ABOUT IT"

PRISON LOGIC-SEVERAL YEARS ago, 11 men escaped from Milhaven Penitentiary. The Commissioner of Pens, quick to take action, ordered new improved security measures to be put into effect. A few weeks later a brand new fence was errected around Drumheller. It may be that most are unable to understand guberment logic but OFF THE WALL would like to award them the famed FINGER award for their unmatched strategy. If you feel them undeserving, keep in mind that since the fence was errected at Drumheller there have been no more escapes from Milhaven. So whatever it is, it must work??

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Your Q-Tips Are Bugged

BABY BOOM BEHIND TENTIONS in Canadian prisons. I have read a lot of articles explaining why all of the present unrest in prisons. Some experts blame the overcrowding, others explain it as a product of a new, highly educated, politically active breed of prisoners, and others blame it on the present lack of discipline. One more fledging voice has added their two bits. Inger Hansen has now moved to the front of the class with her thesis that the "present" disasterous climate in prisons is the product of, none other than the Baby Boom following the second World War. Now, for all those criminology students. Have you ever thought that it might be a product of increased amounts of ozone in the ionisphere?

LET US KEEP YOU POSTED

JOINT STATISTICS

	March	Feb.	Jan.	Dec.
Count	519	509	524	507
High Number	5311	5277	5257	5182
Transfers				
Other Joints	22	22	27	22
Farm Annex	4	5	4	5
Admitted	54	35	58	56
Released				
Mandatory	22	19	17	21
N. P. S.	1	1	0	1

March 15th High Number #5320, Count 523.

They still aren't handing out Paroles in this part of the country! Of course it was not to be expected! After all, who would they put in all of the 25 odd, jails that they will be building during the next 3 years if they let a whole bunch of people out on parole, and they stayed out "on the street". It would upset the status quo!

The Lonely Guy

The library has laid in some new supplies. Here is a list of some of the new titles that have come in during the past couple of weeks. Maybe there is something that turns your crank.

BOOKS — FICTION — BOOKS

1. The Henderson Equation - Adler,Warren.....#A 70
2. A Galaxy of Strangers - Lloyd Biggle.....#B 148
3. Twister - Jack Bickman.....#B 150
4. Love This Land - Clarence Boon.....#B 149
5. Don't Lie To Me.- Tucker Coe.....#C 142
6. Bluegrass - Borden Deal.....#D 73
7. Harbins Ridge - Henry Giles.....#G 115
8. Temporary Sanity - Thomas Glynn.....#G 116
9. Murder Began Yesterday - Lee Johnson.....#J 6
10. Until the Colours Fade - Tim Jeal.....#J 43
11. The Shining - Stephen King.....#K 59
12. Nine Moon's Wasted - Marianne Lamont.....#L 83
13. The Smuggler's Wench - Monica Maugan.....#M 147
14. Why She Cries I Do Not Know - W. Masterson...#M 146
15. Surface With Daring - Douglas Reeman.....#R 77
16. Caldo Largo - Earl Thompson.....#T 47
17. The Brandenburg Hotel - P. G. Winslow.....#W 106

NON-FICTION

1. They Know The Unknown - Martin Ebon.....# 150.19
2. Entrapped, Accussed Homosexual - Basket...# 301.415
3. This Is The Law - Napier.....# 342.09
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People Who Hate (E) (A) (T) (H)

PRISONERS HELD THEMSELVES hostage at the S. D. C.in Montreal and threatened to mutilate themselves if the conditions at the prison were not improved. 4 of the 11 inmates involved told reporters that they were so fed up that they were prepared to die rather than have to go on living under the intolerable conditions that they had been subjected to.

Digger

23½ HOURS A DAY IN A CELL greets those people that have had their death sentences commuted to life in prison. The public Service Alliance managed this concession because they felt it would be unsafe for the guards if the prisoners were to be allowed in the regular prison population! Guards have demanded that prisoners convicted of 1st degree murder be placed in 'solitary confinement' for AT LEAST THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF THEIR SENTENCES!!

THE WIZ OF SHOWBIZ

PLEA BARGAINING - VANCOUVER has agin won a dubious award for legal brilliance. A defendant in a Conspiracy to Import Narcotics trial was given a 15 year sentence after he agreed to change his plea from not guilty to guilty. The trial in question has already dragged on for more than a year with no end in sight. There are 13 defendants & and it is estimated that the trial bill may exceed $5 million. The crown and defense lawyers arrived at a deal where the crown would go for a 3 year bit if the man was to plead guilty, saving enormous time and money. The judge felt that such deals were against the nature of the court and jacked the sentence to 15 years. He then asked if there were any of the remaining defendants who wished to change pleas for a lighter sentence?"

Once Upon a Time

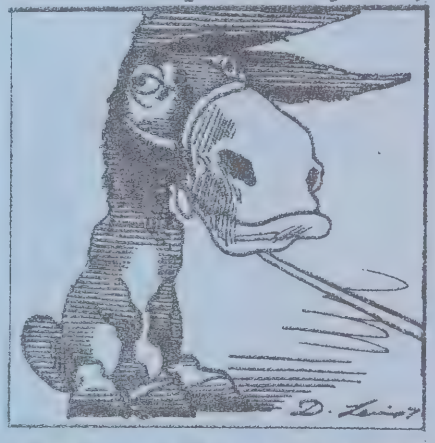
ROBBERY - NETS THIEVES! **Five men - Ken Fisher 30, Bob Johnson 36, Harry Jones 44, Tom Weit 35, and John Colbert landed up in RCMP custody, following a spectacular robbery and foiled get-away in Vancouver!!** The five men spent an entire week-end forcing open Safety Deposit boxes in the Vancouver Safety Deposit Vault. The thieves then attempted to make their get-away with nine heavily laden suitcases filled with gold coins, jewellery, and other valuables, but greed got the best of them. The suitcases were packed so full that one of them split when one of the robbers tried to board an Air Canada flight to Seattle. Airport authorities became a bit suspicious when they saw $100,000 worth of loot spilled all over the airport floor. They notified the R,C.M. Police.

A 'No' to Change

HELP HANDICAPPED - PRISONers in Ontario have started a program which permits specially screened inmates to participate in 'play therapy' sessions with the mentally handicapped from nearby institutions. Efforts were made about 3 yr ago to start a similar program here at P.A. however the program was eventually shot down by the administration.

Wrought?

FIGHT IT OUT - THE FORMER Director of the PCC. (provincial jail in Prince Albert) has critisized the men's jail. He said, "The correctional centre in PA is like every other jail, prison, and penitentiary. It is a place where two groups of people (staff & inmates) are locked in the same building to struggle and fight." He further added that he was suprised that there were not more violent incidents. He resigned last Sept. because he felt that he was unable to do anything constructive within the present system,



Absolute Zero

The staff of OFF THE WALL is a little concerned by the recent obscenity trial in the U.S. Publisher L. Flint, Hustler Magazine was imprisoned for 7 to 25 yrs for printing his truly obscene magazine, which he then forces people to buy for $1.75 per copy. I lay awake at night fearing that they may be after me next, and I just can't imagine what my family would say if I were thrown in prison for such a henious crime.

MAN IN THE WORLD

$6 MILLION A YEAR COURTS Residents of Manitobia feel the rising cost of crime just a little bit every year. And it really is a crime to think that the tax payers are being asked to cough up more than $6 million a year to provide the crooked court system of Manitobia with enough funds to RAM justice home!

Trails now cost more than $10,000 a week and from a break-down of the expenses we can see who is making all that money!! In Manitobia witnesses get $4 per day; jurors get $18 per day; judges make $32,400 per year; crown attorneys make an easy $34,900 per year; sheriff's officers make $32 per day; court stenographers make upwards of $60 per day; and court clerks - a dismal $38 per day. It is easy to see who is getting rich. It is also easy to see that the average trial costs somewhere in excess of $8,000 per week. The longer the trial the higher the weekly cost.

So-it is a fact that crime pays. But it is the Judges Police & Lawyers that are making all of the money.

Some estimates suggest that these court costsare twice as high in Ontario and B.C where wages and salaries are almost double those of Manitobia.

DECIDE FOR YOURSELF

N.P.S. GIGANTIC OCTUPUS!!! Tom Simms, then president of the inmate committee, told the Commons Commission that the National Parole Board was like an "octupus with too much power." Several reports have been filed in the past few months that suggest that the N.PS has taken over as the MOST HATED organization in the justice system. New laws that have given the board ever increasing power have now made it a GOD unto itself. It has become more powerful than the Supreme (or nearly supreme) Court of Canada. A person may now be held for a period of time that exceeds the original sentence, imposed by the court, at the discretion of some wing-bat, pretending to be a Parole Officer, whose only claim to fame is that he majored in Philosophy in University. But the future promises even more stupendous offerings: as bad as things are - there is every indication that they are going to get a lot worse before they get better.

SECRETARY OF MOTION

FOUR NEW JOINTS QUEBEC? Francis Fox announced the building of four new prisons. He stated that they were required both to allow the aging St. Vincent de Paul Prison to be closed and to meet the expected demands that the "highest crime rate in Canada places upon the provinces, FACILITIES."

Tales of a profligate government

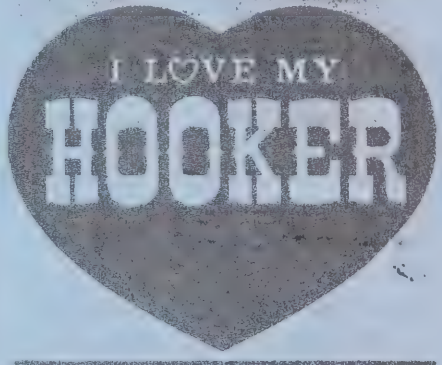
FOX SEARCHING - FOR PRISON sites as well as other things. It seems that once more, the prestigious Solicitor General faces an almost insurmountable problem. All of those glowing speeches that he has been making having not had their desired effect and the CANADIAN PUBLIC, that wants everyone locked up, does not seem to want to have them locked up in their COMMUNITY. The massive building program presently under way may be thwarted by the fact that the guberment is unable to find communities that are willing to have prisons built.

The Marathon Men

BRINK'S HAVING BAD TIME The "only" thing recovered from the recent robbery of a Brinks truck in Montreal was the get-away car. Police informers have said that the robbers were not too terribly upset by the loss of the get-away car, which they had stolen anyway, because they were now somewhere in the Caribbean spending the $523,000 that Brink's used to finance their vacation. An earlier robbery, March 1976, saw robbers WIN and Brink's lose an additional $2.8 m. The "earlier" robbery is still unsolved.

Cooking

SEVERAL PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN layed on Ottawa that would convert present prison work shops into branchs of Street run industries. These proposals suggest that inmates should have the opportunity to work at regular wages. They would then be released with enough money to begin life a-new. It might assist inmates to provide money for their families and dependants and even pay restitution for their crimes. Several American prisons presently have workshops that are operated by big companies from the street and they have not run into any problems from private industry.



logical

RIOTERS MIGHT GET T.V's. Good old John Public is up in arms at the thought that prisoners that took part in the riots at B.C.P. may be having T.V's. installed in their cells. Boo hoo! What they fail to realize is that putting T.V's. in cells permits the wise and humane prison administration the opportunity to lock the 'vicious cons' in their cells for 23 hours per day.

All Take, No Give

CANADIAN JUSTICE STINK'S Leonard Peltier told newsmen that Canadian Justice "stinks" and was "rotten to the core" prior to his deportation to the U.S. to face murder charges stemming from the deaths of 2 F.B.I. Peltier was supposedly being held on remand yet he was kept in solitary confinement the entire time that he was in Canada. Further, a guard was stationed directly in front of his cell 24 hours a day. He was permitted only ½ hour exercise and no visits other than his lawyer. The warden of Oakalla stated that, "Peltier was being treated like any other prisoner on remand. He was given no special favors or maltreatment. It was 'merely' jail policy." One wonders how you can be thought to be "innocent until proven guilty" if that is the way that you will be treated if innocent.

UP IN CANADA?

MURDER UNIMAGINATIVE - THE same number of people were murdered in the same ways during 1976 as in 1975 in Vancouver. It was another "average" year for homicides according to local police. 5 of the cities 25 homicides are unsolved so far. Knives were used in 14 deaths, 5 were shot, 2 were strangled and beaten and 4 died of injuries that followed fights.

THE EXECUTIVE HOTEL

B.C.P. REORGANIZES GUARDS in an effort to overcome problems. The guards will be divided into two groups consisting of Security, and Correctional officers. Security will be charged with maintaining strictly security aspects and the Correctional Officers will handle almost all direct dealings with inmates. It is hoped that this will limit the present level of ever escalating hostilities that have plagued the prison for the past several years. Further, guards will be organized in 15 to 20 man squads that will be responsible for certain areas. It is hoped that this will encourage group spirit and improve the working relation between the guards.

Where else

BAD MOVIE CAUSES RIOT - A spokesman for the Attorney General said that apparently the prisoners housed in one of the dorms in the Calgary Correctional Centre rioted when they were not permitted to watch the late night movie.

Went Wrong

BRIGHT CHRISTMAS FOR TWO thieves who made off with $4.2 million worth of jewels from the Santa Maria Cathedral during an early service. Spanish authorities said that they suspected that the same bunch 'pulled this one off' as had robbed the bank of 16M in Barcelona. Well, no one was arrested - maybe???

Suddenly

MA'S DEATH LEAVES OLD CON alone once more. Habitual criminal, Louis Gallo, 74, has lost his companion, 77 year-old Ma Gowan, who died of pneumonia in the hospital last month. The Canadian press may be given almost all of the credit for gaining Gallo's release in the first place. It was the publicity gained from national news coverage that forced the National Parole Service to grant parole to the aging Gallo in the 1st place.

There was a similar case in the U.S. only with far less humane a solution. An 85-year-old prisoner was denied parole in Oklahoma because, as their parole board stated, "He has shown little tendency toward rehabilitation during the last 59 years of imprisonment.

The value of public sympathy that can be gained from a favorable press report can not be understated in obtaining a parole. It seems that one has to earn an awful lot of brownie points to qualify anymore.

DETAILS INSIDE SERVING PRINCE ALBERT SINCE 1976 PRINTED IN CANADA

The Day the Sky Fell

DOPEY SMUGGLERS - THE GANG that couldn't do very much of anything right was jailed in London last month. The judge was quoted as saying, "You are a lot of *hopeless* incompetants!. Everything you did from start to finish went wrong. You did not know how to organize!"During the trial evidence was admitted that showed one member of the gang loosing his nerve and being unable to do his part. One of the buyers that the gang hired abscounded and the money was lost, two gang members were caught twice in Morrocco, and Spain after bribing their way out of the first arrest. Both times, with the same dope! One member was arrested on the way to the airport with more money than a traveller is permitted to take out of the country. Finally, the gang became so frustrated that they began to fight. It was at this time that the police were called to arrest (rescue) the gang from each other. They received sentences that ranged from 1 to 3 years.

Last of a Breed

TRANSITION SOCIETY CALLED communists by Commons subcommittee member simca Holt after presenting a brief with regard to prison conditions. Transition Society, a Saskatoon based group of ex-cons and interested persons, has been involved for the last four years in attempting to help prisoners. They have set up a book collection depote and forwarded the books to various prisons. Transition also publiches a magazine but since December 1974, the penitentiary has refused to allow it to be sent into federal prisons. They have also been helpful in individual cases by providing legal assistance and even publishing an inmate's book.

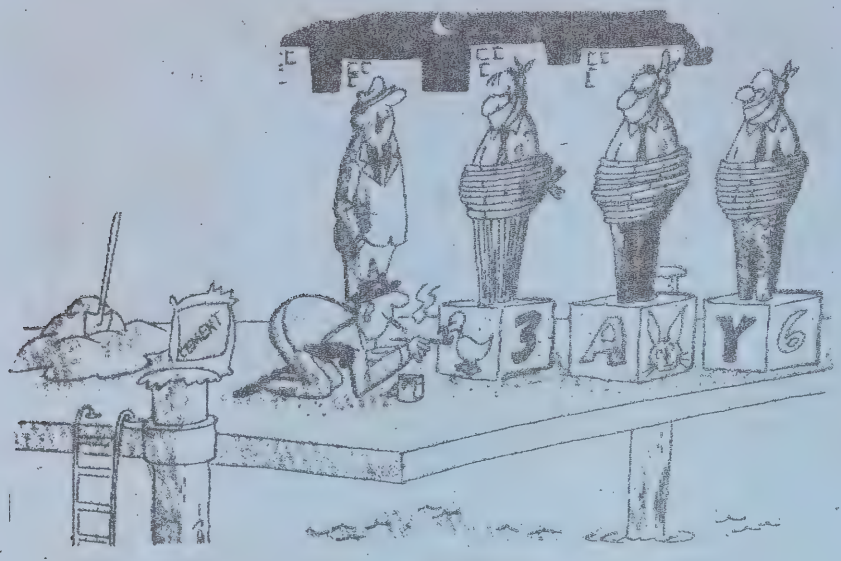
Holt labelled the brief as "Communist Propaganda" and objected to the subcommittee being used as a platform for propaganda and accused the members of using the native people of Saskatchewan to further their own political ambitions.

A Guide

HOW DOES YOUR CITY COMPARE

City	Population	Robbery
Montreal	2,775,000	148.5
Toronto	2,692,000	71.6
Vancouver	1,116,000	175.1
Ottawa	619,000	75.0
Winnipeg	560,000	91.0
Edmonton	518,000	171.0
Calgary	431,000	80.8
London	293,000	38.7
Halifax	222,000	72.3
Victoria	203,000	43.7
Regina	147,000	90.7
St John's	133,000	30.7
Saskatoon	128,000	29.5

* Robbery rate per 100,000



"Louie's just a kid at heart."

Now I believe

DANISH COED JAIL - HUMANITY remains intact. Male and female prisoners in a Danish jail are permitted to mingle on and off duty. Two inmates, bearded Soren and winsome Maj, even share the privacy of the same cell for a few hours every day.

And here Canadians are only asking for conjugal visits and more T.L.A's. However progress may have its own high cost. Soren and Maj are a slight exception to the rule. They are to be married in a couple of months so they have been given the extra priviledge of a few hours of privacy. The ordinary prisoners are not permitted any 'private contact' with members of the opposite sex even though they work with them, eat and do hobbies together.

Prisoners complain of the mental cruelty of being confined with members of the opposite sex without being permitted sexual contact. Prison authorities are presently looking for ways to releave this strain so that a better attitude may be developed. Now, the only question is - where do we sign up for a little of this mental cruelty??

"IF THERE IS A CONSPIRACY HERE,

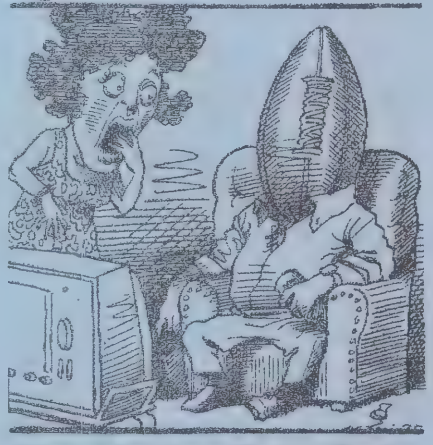
POLE GETS 4 YEARS FOR HIjacking a plane with a loaf of bread. This is not a bad Polish joke, it is true or at least that is what we gather from the newspaper!

ON HIS OWN

28 MONTHS FOR VAN HIJACKER Maurice Lauzon was sentenced to an additional 28 m. in prison on a series of charges arising from an incident last spring in which a prison van was hijacked.

BS RADIO NETWORK

POLITICIANS HARD UP - IT appears that Joe Clark not only stole the lime-light but must have cured all of the countries problems in such short order that the local politicians no longer have a platform to stand on, or any better scandle to rake up. Dr. Joe Walker a provincial MLA, in Alta. has raised a full scale investigation because prisoners from Drumheller pen have been going streetside lecturing to schools on the harmful effects of narcotics. This is felt to be a terrible crime and it was reported that it might lead to all sorts of bad things. One of these bad things was that prisoners were actually being let out of prison and allowed to dress in civilian clothes and mascarade as human beings.



The Harder They Fall

PENITENTIARY STAFF INCREASED It was announced that 350 new positions will be filled during 1977. This will bring total staff to 9,971 or, in plain language, almost 900 MORE staff than inmates. Nice going!

The Last Hurrah

GETTING AWAY FROM THE OLD idea! There is a frightfull row in England over the recent increase in disturbances instigated by hard core criminals in prisons. In one incident a number of windows were broken and in another some prisoners refused to leave the exercise yard when the time was up.

It was concluded that it was extremely unwise to house this type of rowdy prisoner with the less violent inmates. It was estimated that no more than 10% of the criminals would fall into this 'unmanageable' classification. The following statistics were presented at the time:

MALES	ADULTS	YOUTHS
Short term Up to 18m.	11,005	1,088
Medium term 18m to 4 yr	9,488	723
Long Term 4 Year +	4,935	417
	25,428	2,228

FEMALES	ADULTS	YOUTHS
Short term	457	52
Medium Term	157	20
Long term	87	10
	701	82

TOTAL ADULTS.....26,129
TOTAL YOUTHS..... 2,210

When we realize that Canada has locked up approximately 29,000 ADULTS (and countless juveniles) it is hard to understand how a rich country, with a population of less than 25 million can find more people to lockup than Britian which has a population in excess of 60 million people. I would suggest that this is a very strong indictment of Canadian Justice.

Further, as of January 1977 the Federal Prison System employed more bodies than it imprisoned!!!! I would conclude that it has become economically profitable to imprison almost everyone. Prisons are industries!

"Hello. I'd like to order a telephone."

ALL YEAR LONG.

COTTON BOWL
JANUARY 1

MASTERS GOLF
APRIL 7-10

KENTUCKY DERBY
MAY 7

PREAKNESS
MAY 21

BELMONT STAKES
JUNE 4

ALL-STAR BASEBALL
JULY 19

U.S. OPEN TENNIS
AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 11

AMERICAN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 8-14

NATIONAL LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
OCTOBER 8-14

THE WORLD SERIES
OCTOBER 15-23

FIESTA BOWL
DECEMBER 25

NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP
JANUARY 1, 1978

WRAPPING IT UP

NEW BILL IN B.C. will result in the dismissal of all summary proceedings that have been before the court more than 180 days. This only applies to charges in which the crown wasn't prepared to proceed but the defence was. Needless too say, this bill has met a lot of resistance from the police who feel very badly that vicious criminals may go 'scot free'. The Bill was introduced in order to clear up the back log.

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 20.

What did you do

DEATH PENALTY REQUESTED! An elderly man facing a charge of fraud in Alberta Supreme Court asked that he be given the death penalty. "I have no other reason for living," Eugene Wood told Justice O'Brian. Mr. Wood elected trial by judge and jury. He was then remanded until April 4 for preliminary. He then asked that the trial be set aside and he be given the death penalty. The shocked Judge said from the bench, "But you are presummed innocent." At which point Wood stated,"In this case it is irrelevant. I've been put in a cage like an animal." He later added that he felt "He should have the dignity of dying like a gentleman." Shame must be rough.

"One good thing about it,
neither of us is ever troubled with constipation!"

LOOK WHAT I'VE GOT!

OKLAHOMA SEEKS CHEAPER EXecutions! Faced with a 62 thousand dollar repair bill to get their electric chair operating, the fine residents of Oklahoma are seeking alternate ways to kill wrong-doers. Suggestions were made that the state build a gas chamber but it was found that this would cost a wopping $300,000. The State Senate is now backing a bill that would see Oklahoma the first state to switch to using massive overdoeses of barbutuates.

Waiting

$10.00 A DAY - NOT ENOUGH! Ontario has raised the fee from the standard $10 per day to $40.00 per day for the juror's sitting on a drug trial in Toronto. The trial is already into it's eighth month. The judge stated that many of those on the jury were encountering unusual "financial hardshios"!

Fireplace

$5 MILLION OF POT UP IN smoke following the crash of a DC-3 outside Mexico city. Police reported that the plane was carrying 2 tons of marijuana. Another 8 tons of grass was found in a barn near the crash site.

THE COUCH

COULDN'T HAPPEN IN CANADA? A convicted murderess,Mary Fitzpatrick, was invited to and attended, Carter's inaugural party. She has served 7 years of a life sentence for shooting a man in an argument. While a serving prisoner in Georgia she acted as nursemaid to Amy (one of the presidents children).

ON THE MOVE

In the last issue of OFF THE WALL, the article by Paul Pretty was altered. The author has expressed disappointment and OFF THE WALL would like to extend our apologies for the changes that were made.

Solitary

"SUICIDES", "MUTILATIONS" D. Cernetic was questioned at length during the trial of the three men charged following the hostage taking which resulted in the death of Mary Stienhauser. The defence attorneys have based their case on the argument that none of the men could be held mentally responsible for their actions because all had undergone extremely long periods of solitary confinement. The defence claims that solitary confinement is responsible for many of the brutal incidents that transpire within the walls of most prisons. Cernetic stated that he was unable to clearly remember how many, or who was involved, in a number of attempted suicides, mutilations, gassings, and physical encounters between inmates and staff. The court adjourned to allow Mr. Cernetic an opportunity to go threw the prison log and refresh his memory.

The Witches' Sabbath

B. C. P. BAD PLACE TO BE!! The situation at BCP has been likened to that at Kingston prior to the 1971 riot. The prison has been virtually closed since the last riot and the inmates are doing nothing but cell time. Over 10% of the present staff working at the prison has been held hostage at one time or another. When the Commons Committee visited the institution, the first guard they saw was F. Newton who had lost both hands when a package mailed to him blew up in December of 1966. His son also lost one eye in that incident.

Inmates claim that guards attempt to outdo each other when being harsh. They said that racial minorities are centred out by the custody staff and are harrassed or played one against the other. Guards claim that a hard core of inmates want to run the joint and that they started all the trouble "because" custody had refused to allow these inmates to tyranize other prisoners and staff. A spokesman said that it is impossible to ever open the prison again under a rule such as that which is in effect at this time. It should be closed altogether!

"No, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no, no!"

in Precinct 5,

CARMINE (LILLO) GALANTE IS described by New York police as the most ruthless, most feared, most modern gangster. When Gambino, the "capo di tutti capo" died last October the New York police said that they feared that Galante would emerge as the new 'boss of bosses'. It appears that their worst fears have now been realized. The MAFIA is not DEAD, but is hiding in Brooklyn struggling along to the best of their ability.

Richard Nixon

JUSTICE CRITIC E WOOLLIAMS is on the guberment's ass about their intention to withdraw the clause that obligates the victim of a "legal wiretap", to be notified after 90 days. The guberment disclosed that it had authorized 1,224 taps during 1976. It was further learned that 1,062 arests were made because of these wire-taps. Yet, after all was said and done, there were only 13 convictions for this enormous mound of tape recordings. Ron Basford, Justice Minister disclosed that it was his opinion that criminals were not "playing fair" and had resorted to using public telephones in order to conduct illegal conversations. Come on you guys, don't you know that the coppers want you to use your own phone - Daaa!

Ghost of Christmas Present

ATTICA BOOKS CLOSED - 7 years have gone by since the bloody Attica riot that saw 43 men die, 39 of which were killed by the state police. In all 62 prisoners were indicted. Only 1 state trooper ever faced charges. State Gov. Carey granted clemency to the last 8 defendants because he felt that the investigation had been so obviously prejudice that justice could never be served. All of the indictments have eventually resulted in either dismissals or acquittals following appeal process. Carey said that this clemency "closes the books on the bloodiest and most shocking spectacle of prison brutality in American history." Clemency has never been known to result in a single ressurrection!

scramble

FROM A JACK - TO A QUEEN Three senior Vancouver police sergeants have been promoted to inspectors to fill vacant posts. Staff Sgts. Lloyd Turncliff, J. Grierson, and Ernest Inglis have all been appointed inspectors to fill vacancies left by J. C. Robarts J Molybarts and E. Lister.

Fourth Dimension

WRIT OF ASSISTANCE those fancy little papers that allow the R.C.M. Police to search anything and everything their little hearts desire have once more come under heavy fire. 4,212 searches were conducted in 1976 under such writs. 935 different RCMP have this right to search. Almost 500 of the 4,212 searches produced no incriminating evidence what-so-ever however, the people that have suffered property damage and/or loss because of the searches, even when no incriminating evidence has been uncovered, have been unable to recover money for damages caused.

PASSPORT

WEAPONS FOR HEROIN - It seems that while dollars are no longer as popular as they once were in Mexico, M 16's are. The Drug Enforcement Agency disclosed recently that smuggling has escallated even more since the huge American effort to cut the flow of heroin over the Mexico-U.S border.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

CONTRACT KILLER GETS LIFE John David Ross was convicted for contracting to kill Malcolm Cunningham. The court was told that he had been paid $2500 to "do in" Cunningham by a group of rival drug merchants. Cunningham had been shot in the back 7 times by a 30 calibre rifle. Parole eligibility was set at 10 years.

DON'T GET RIPPED

35 CENTS - for all of you that were planning on applying for parole - you had better stop and think the matter over a little more deeply. It will now cost 35¢ for a glass of draft beer. The prices have also been rising on hard stuff as well. I guess that means that a guy will have to steal twice as hard just to be able to afford to live in the style he was accustomed to prior to his arrest.

WHAT KIND OF MAN READS *FORTUNE*?
New York Medical College's study of 42 high-priced call girls and 10 madams showed that the bulk of their clients were men powerful in business and government. It was further claimed that these men often preferred "kinky" sex—namely, bondage, flagellation, fetishism, exhibitionism and voyeurism.

FOR A GOOD TIME, CALL KING
Following a quarrel in a bar, King Dixon of Miami was shot five times in the head at close range with a .22-caliber pistol. None of the five shots penetrated his skull. "My ears are still ringing," Dixon complained. "Those shots were really loud."

AW C'MON, WAYLAN, DON'T BE SO HARD ON YOURSELF
Kenneth Nile Coppinger Jr. was beaten and stabbed to death in a Dallas County jail cell after police mistakenly arrested him instead of his father on a drinking-while-driving charge. Probation officer Waylan D. Vernon said, "We regret that the boy lost his life and feel to some degree responsible."

LEST WE FORGET

GO ON, HAVE YOUR FUN. IT'S ALWAYS THE CHILDREN THAT SUFFER LATER
Los Angeles secretary Jannene Swift married a 50-pound pet rock in a formal ceremony in Lafayette Park.

HE LOST HIS PLACE, TOO
Pedro Orozco Dominguez, who worked for the Public Works Department in Barranquilla, Colombia, died of starvation while waiting in line to cash his salary check.

WE SEE MANY FOOTPRINTS GOING IN, NOT ONE COMING OUT
Marlon Brando and Dick Gregory flew to Wichita, Kansas, to testify for two American Indians accused of killing F.B.I. agents, but the trial was being held in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

NOW, BOYS, WE'RE GOING TO RUB TWO STICKS TOGETHER
In New Orleans, Scoutmaster Stanley Halvorsen and Assistant Scoutmaster Ray T. Woodall Jr. of Boy Scout Troop 137 were arrested for recruiting boys for homosexual orgies.

FINAL PROOF THAT BEHIND EVERY GREAT WOMAN IS AN UNINDICTED COCONSPIRATOR
As her husband wheeled her out of Memorial Hospital Center in Long Beach, California, Pat Nixon said, "I feel fine, but I'm a little frightened of this driver."

FUNNY, IT WORKED IN CRACOW
French bank robber Raymond Burles was captured when, after collecting $6,400 at gunpoint, he placed the money and his pistol in a small satchel and zipped it shut.

1976

Not a great year—

But at least a GOOD year!

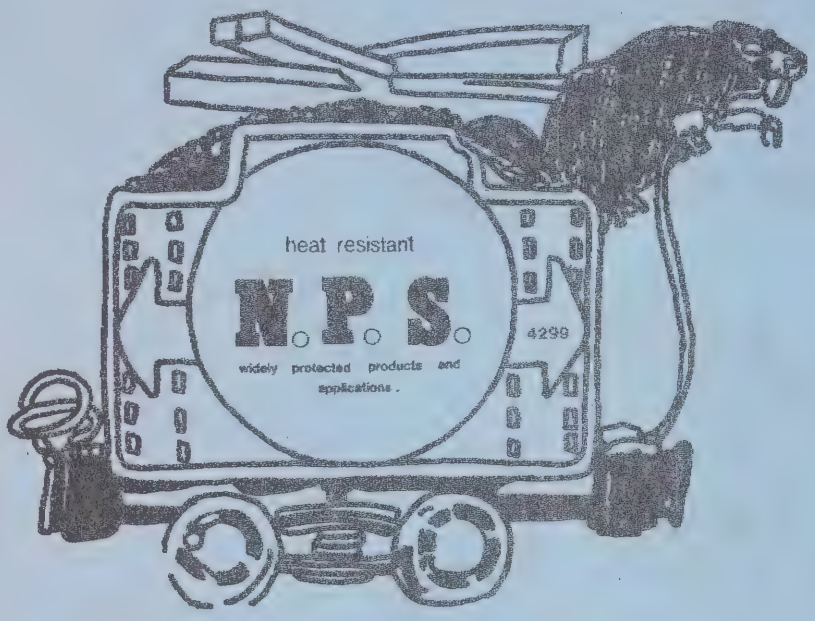
NICE TRY
A New Orleans federal judge ruled that Cecilia M. Pizzo's lawsuit to nullify the 1803 Louisiana Purchase had been filed 167 years after the 6-year statute of limitations ran out.

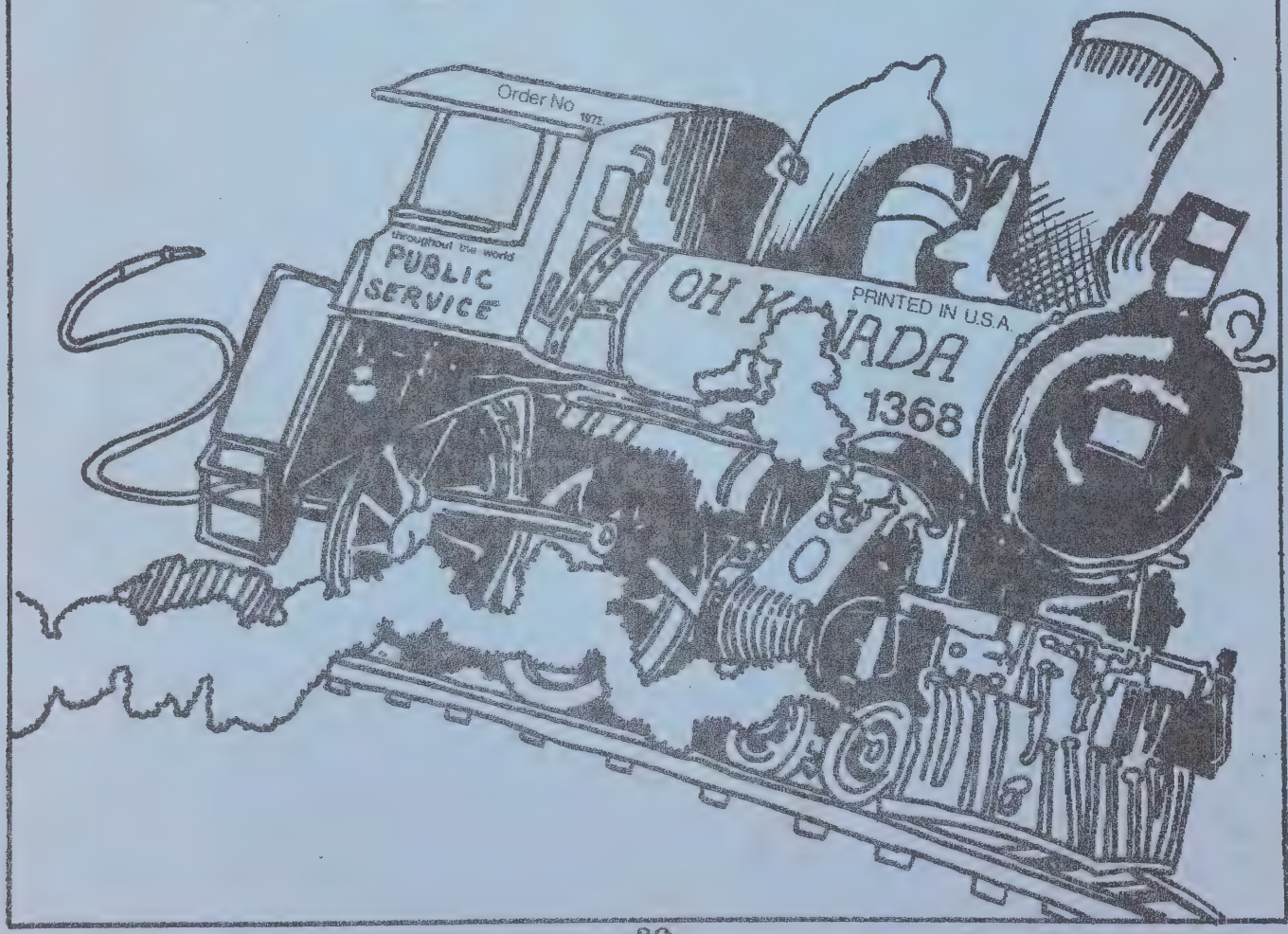
G. Harrold Carswell, 1970 Nixon nominee for a seat on the Supreme Court, was arrested in Tallahassee for attempting to commit a homosexual act and pled guilty to battery.

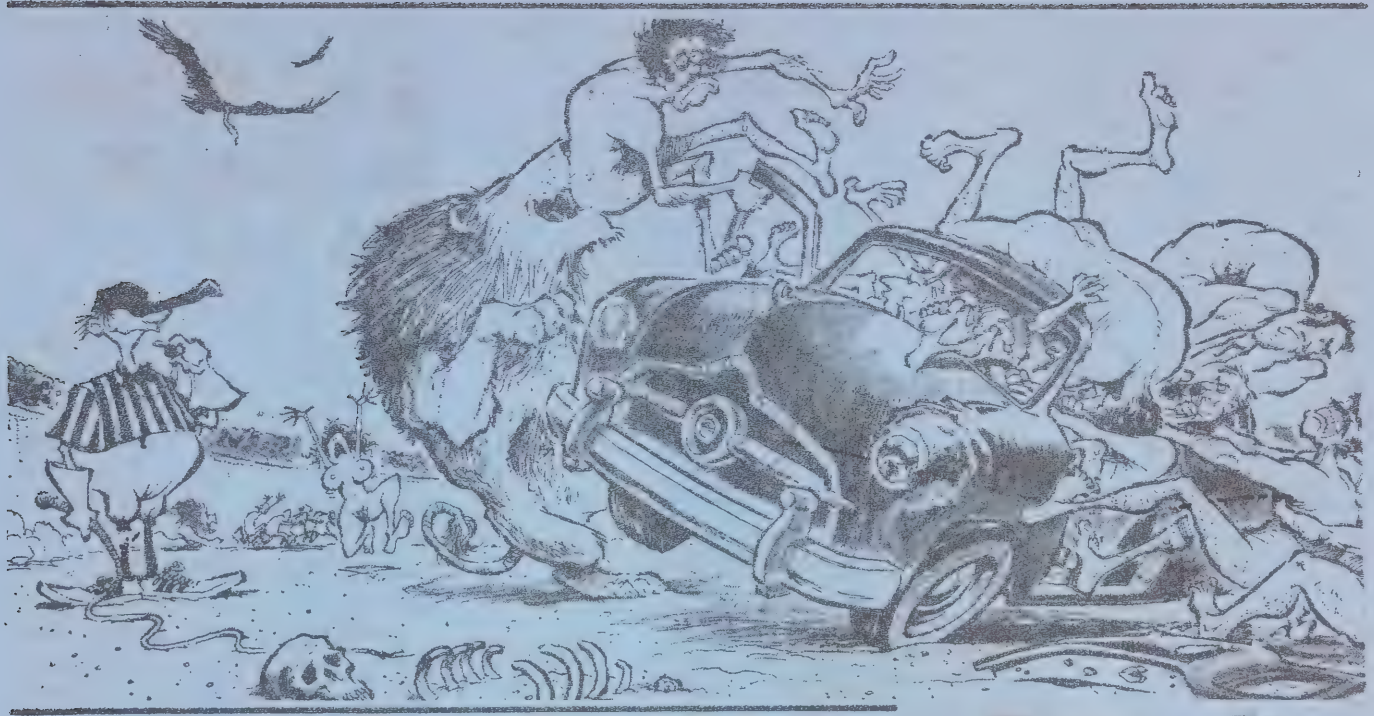
Responding to charges that his office was allegedly the scene of orgies, ex-Speaker of the House Carl Albert declared that he hadn't had sex with any women last year.

Right-wing major general Edwin A. Walker was arrested in a Dallas men's room for allegedly fondling a plain-clothes park policeman.

DEAD BEAVER SPECIAL







go to jail!

FUNDS FOR FRILLS! - Five years ago the budget for roughly 8,500 prisoners was $70 million. Today the budget for 8,900 prisoners has been expanded to $250 million. And the quality of the mice and filth in my cage has not improved one iota.

The public is angry, and rightly so, that so many millions are poured into the prison system. What we fail to realize, however, is that those millions are being used to rent Princess telephones and to carpet the monstrous maze of offices that make up the prison empire. It is not being spent on the prisoners!

Paul Leister B.C.P.
- Vancouver Sun

On Two Camels at the Same Time

REHABILITATION WORD OF THE past. As of yet, no one has ever been able to define rehabilitation - but what ever it was, we don't have to worry about it any more because Francis Fox says so! His new policy states that the old era of trying to cram rehab down the soar throats of unwilling cons is now a thing of the past! If a man "wants out, he will have to earn his way out." Unfortunately, no-one has spent any more effort explaining just what the cons are supposed to do to earn their way out than they did explaining what rehab meant. If one can derive any indication from the present trend, it probably means something akin to selling your partner down the river. If that is the case, then it is likely that there will be very few earning their way out. Another success!?

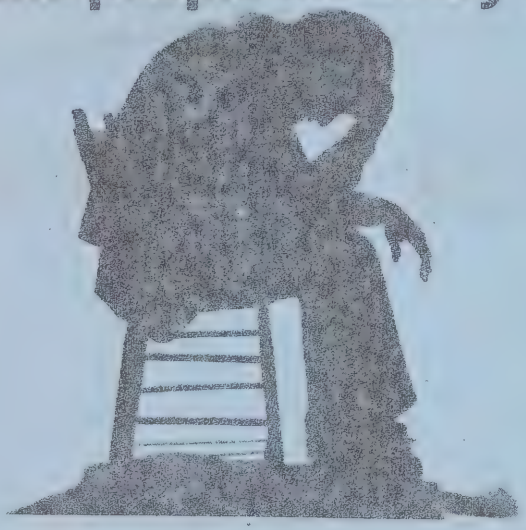
Assault:

P.A. ASSUALT TRIAL - There has been a little action at PA. Correctional during the last couple of months. One of the staff, Mr. Chester, was suspended after he was charged with assault after breaking up a fight. He finally came to trial & was found guilty, however the judge gave him an absolute discharge. The guberment of Saskatchewan was then pressed by the Conservatives to rehire him at his former job. This would have been against guberment policy. Finally, a compromise was reached and he was given a job as a probation officer. I would think, from the steam that all the guards have been raising that they would rather take a rapist out to dinner than accept this decision. It seems that the average staff sees this as a threat. It means that they are no longer legally entitled to beat us, whenever the urge hits home.

THE PURGE BEGINS

RUMOR RESULTS IN HOSTAGES! During his second day on the stand, Andy Bruce said that guards had continually taunted him about being returned to solitary. He said that it was these taunts that had prompted him to participate in the hostage taking incident. He had spent a lot of time in solitary - including a 200 day stretch in 1971 on a diet of BREAD AND WATER! Prior to the incident he had warned the Warden that he was not going back to solitary - No matter what! All three men have been repeatedly held in solitary since the incident. All 3 of the accussed were today sentenced to the "maximum" 14 years.

Some people die every day.



Santa's Little Helper

SPRINGHILL - Some of the smoke has cleared following accusations made by a local union member that the overnight sessions that had been sponsored by a local church group were, in fact 'love-ins'.

Ruth Cottingham, a member of the CAC had told the MP that the president of the union (local) had informed local newspapers that the inmates were having a love in. Rverend Decker stated, emphatically that although nuns and students were present at the overnight sessions, there were 'no carrying on what-so-ever!". "The espisode appeared to be part of a battle about overtime between the guards and the Prison Director. The new Director said that the guards were upset because they use to do a lot of overtime and he had taken action to cut back on the amount of overtime."

The COMMUNICATOR is once more reaching us from Springhill and things seem to be under 'control' down at that end of the country.

And What Is Ginger Up To?

ACCESS TO INFORMATION BILL The conservatives have labelled the Liberal access to Information Bill as a 'FARCE' and 'Worse than WORTHLESS'. The bill is intended to be the Canadian counterpart of the Free Information Bill recently passed in the U.S. A person would have the right to KNOW what information is on record about himself. This would include such things as credit rating etc., etc. It would, supposedly also include politically volitile information concerning a persons political inclinations and other such data.

There is only one problem! A person, while having the right to know what information is filed about him would have to ask specifically, for the information that he desires. Now, to my way of thinking, it is very hard to ask for something, by name, when you do not know what it is that you are supposed to be asking for. Second, there would only be one type of information that a person would not have access to - that being information that

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THE MAN

A VETERAN VANCOUVER CITY detective said "The most effective lie-detector machine is the door-jam!. You put the suspect's fingers in it." Other old-line detectives "favored either the ass's tail or dry ice methods" of making a person CONFESS. The new breed of officers, supposedly, has forsaken these crude methods of torture that are still very common place in Canada, however evidence heard at a recent murder trial suggests that we are still a long way from having any type of civil rights at all.

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the POLICE felt would jeopardize either current or future investigations. Of course, the decision of what might be useful in the future would be at the full descretion of, who else, the POLICE. So, we are right back at the beginning - which is out in the cold. Don't expect to be able to find out anything that "you don't already know."

Perform a death-defying act.

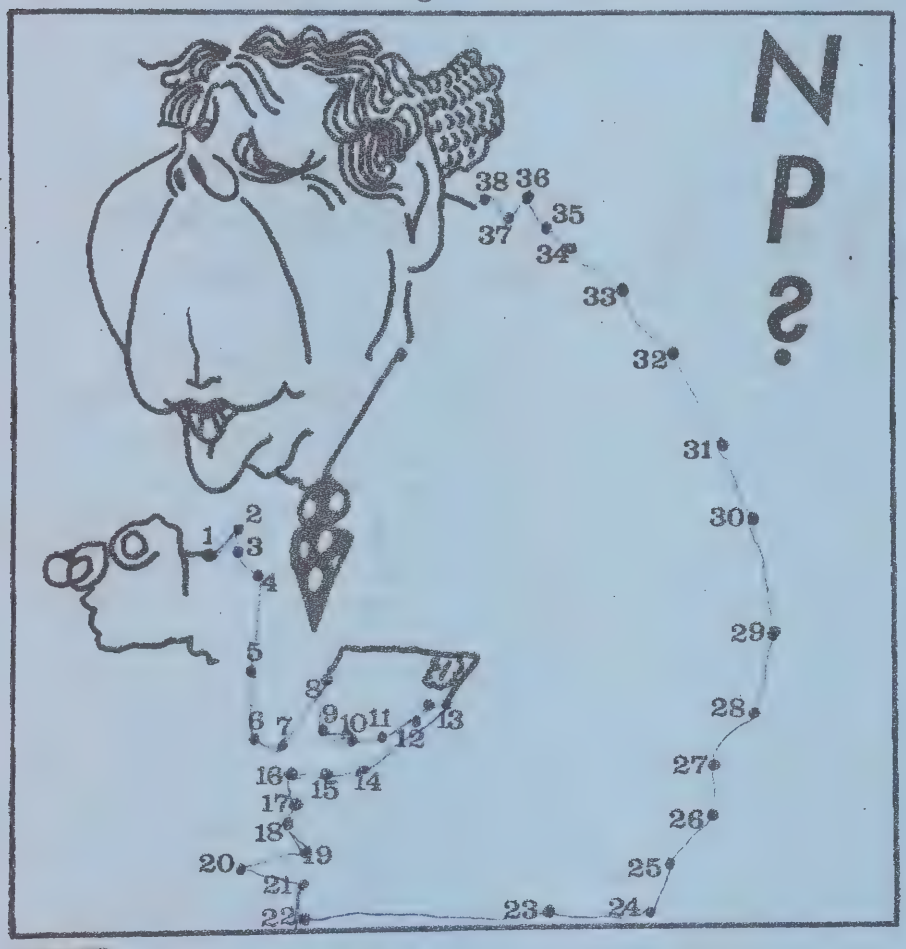
Have your blood pressure checked.

Tax-free

FANTASTIC! SAYS PRISONER One of the prisoners moved to the new prison at Mission BC. described the new prison as being "fantastic" when interviewed by reporters from the Vancouver Sun. He said that "the meals were great. Not only that, but that they were even eaten at the same table as the staff!" Oh great gobs of joy. Other inmates said that Mission was like a "castle" when described with B.C.P. I don't know who all they are sending but I think that I'd rather stick it out in a dungeon on bread and water than have the dubious pleasure of enjoying my "great" food at the same table as the staff. Anyone interested in going to Mission?

ASSEMBLY

THE COMMONS SUB-COMMITTEE visited Stony Mountain last month and was told that the Living Unit program wasn't as popular as they had begun to think it was. The inmate Committee recommended returning Stony to Maximum status and building the new Penitentiary scheduled for Manitobia as a Medium. The argument was that it was impossible to properly implement the L.U "program" using old-line staff that were pro security. And what else is new around Manitobia?



The rage.

EARN $35,000 - Join the Public Service Alliance, put in a little overtime, and earn up to $35,000 per year. At least three members of the staff at P.A. broke the 30 thousand mark last year and recent information indicates that there are even more breaking this mark out east and on the west coast. Usually, there are more opportunities for overtime following a disturbance and some of the highest wage earners are men at the prisons that have been troubled during recent times. Includes BC Archambault and P.A.

COMING UP

PRISON ARTS

Entries must be received no later than May 31, 1977

CATEGORIES

VISUAL ARTS - painting, drawing, carvings, sculpture, prints, etc.

CREATIVE WRITING - poetry, prose, plays, etc.

CRAFTS - photography, needlework, ceramics, leather, wood, and metal work, etc.

MUSIC-original composition

Application forms are available from the Social Development area(trailers)

Good Time

VINCE McLEOD TOASTMASTERS recently held their elections for new officers.

PRESIDENT - Al LaRocque
E.V.P. - Jim Flores
A.V.P. - Don Iwaniw
Secretary -Bob Nightengale
Treasurer - Larry Hogan
S. @ A. - Gus Guylay
Editor - Don Iwaniw

The Toastmasters are holding their semi-annual banquet on March 31, 1977.

Images

CAN I? Chuch LaCorde

It is said:
"That in every man's heart
there is peace"
Perhaps now -
i can speak of it this way:

It grows out -
as a flower from the earth
outward bound,
until it blossoms full
the rain falls slightly
from reddened eyes
the pain of past loves
casts a shadow
that only the thought of you
can disperse
each word you write
each phrase you pen
seeds the garden of love
which grows in my heart.
Yet:
still in this peace
the question stands
It says to me -
"can i pluck the flower
of our love?
or - do i let it grow?

Either way - i know
"I love You"

New Poems

CHARMLAND By: Hal Lurvey

In the state of Washington
On the great Pacific slope;
There's a land of wonderous beauty,
Land of pleasure and hope;
We have called it our dear Charmland,
For in living here we've found
It's a little bit of heaven
God has placed on Puget Sound.

To the west, the blue Pacific,
Where the great ships come and go;
To the east, the Cascade mountains
With their peaks all white with snow;
In its forests there is wild game,
And with fish its streams abound;
It's a paradise for sportsmen -
Charmland on the Puget Sound!

Come with me into its forests
Listen to the wild birds song;
While like fairies in the shadows
Of the trees we steal along;
And perhaps if you are quiet
At the twilight end of day.
You may hear little wood-folk
And the elfins as they play.

Or I'll take you to the mountains
That stand guard o'er Puget Sound
Where the God of man and nature
Left his wonders all around;
Sylvan glades and leafy bowers,
Far beyond the haunts of men,
Where the doe at time of mating
Meets the monarch of the Glen.

Then we'll glide o'er moonlit waters
To Seattle on its hills,
Where its million lights a-gleaming
Add the climax to your thrills;
And I am sure that you will tell me,
'Ere you close your sleepy eyes,
That you want to dwell here with us
In our Charmland Paradise!

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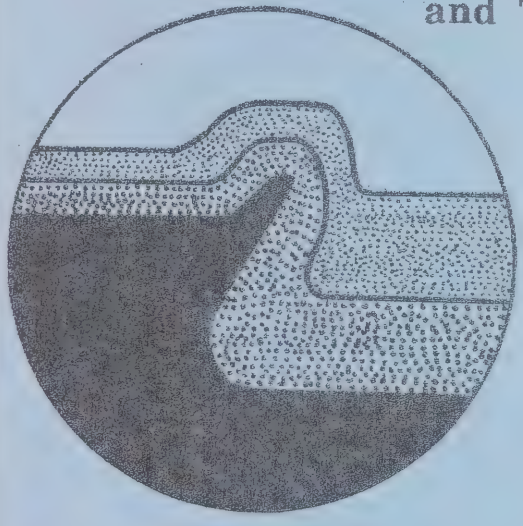

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SPORTS

A really sensational curling year was recorded this 76-77 season. Even though wild weather substancially shortened the playing season we recorded a record number of participants. More than 150 of the cons participated in the curling. Following are the results of the YEAR-END bonspiels.

CON-FORCE I A Event Double Knockout

1 st. Place Team	2 nd. Place Team
Skip - Willie Blake	Skip-Gary Woolridge
3rd. - Max Arnott.	3rd.- Boucher
2nd. - Keith Koskie	2nd.- Brian Stubley
Lead - D. Erickson.	Lead - Bruce Kaye

3 rd. Place Team.
Skip - Rick Lepretre
3rd. - Joe McManus
2nd. - Red Johnston
Lead - P. Beaurgeois

PEN OPEN B Event SINGLE KNOCKOUT

1 st. Place Team	2 nd. Place Team
Skip - D. MacCuish.	Skip - Wayne Carlson
3rd. - Bob Gulash	3rd. - Ronnie Oklek.
2nd. - D. Kuippers.	2nd. - H. Wercimaga.
Lead - B Gillespie.	Lead - Joe Pilon

3 rd. Place Team.
Skip - Halushki
3rd. - V Severight.
2nd. - Leggett
Lead - Gelderbloom.

OPEN "F" TWO EVENT

1 st. Place Team	2 nd. Place Team
Skip - Ron Kronkie.	Skip - N Champagne
3rd. - L Kiyawaser	3rd. - Roussault
2nd. - Brian Kretzer	2nd. - Mireault
Lead - Billy Hudson	Lead - Budge

3 rd. Place Team.
Skip - Howie McInroy
3rd. - L. Harrison
2nd. - Dennis Hunter
Lead - Jeff Kenzell.

C EVENT VERY LAST HOPE

1 st. Place Team	2 nd. Place Team
Skip - Willie Blake	Skip - S. Prince
3rd. - Max Arnott	3rd. - A, Noname
2nd. - Keith Koskie	2nd. - Al Prince
Lead - D. Erickson	Lead - W Stonechild

3 rd. Place Team
Skip - Ray Trotchie
3rd. - H. Champagne
2nd. - F. Rocheleau
Lead - Jamie Baker.

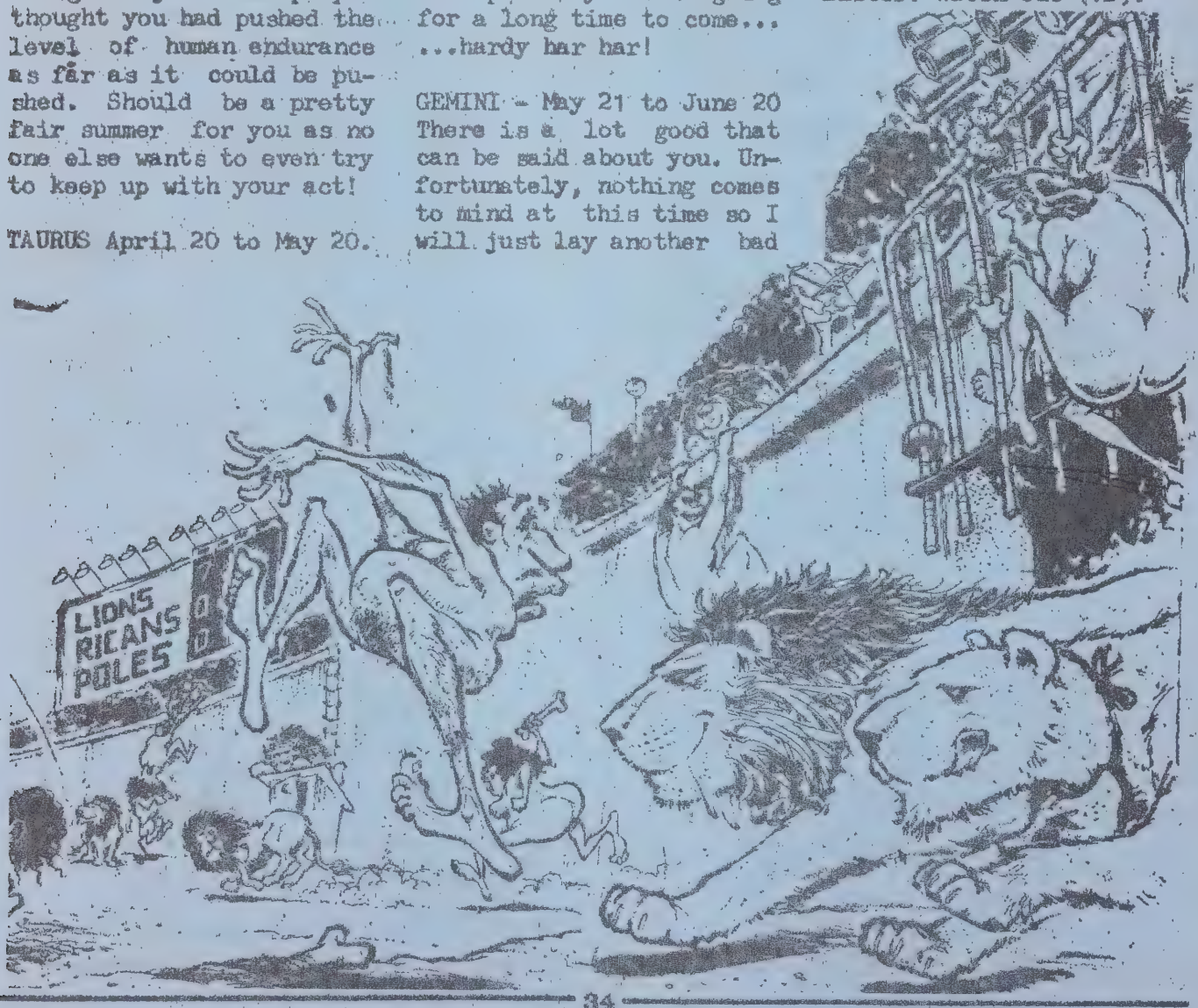
SPORTS

HORROR SCOPE

ARIES March 21 to April 19 It is really to bad that this is the March issue. Had it been any other issue we could have started with a different sign and thus not got off to such a bad start. There is one truly "amazing" attribute that you do manifest - that being your ability to come up with even more outlandish actions, ideas, and thoughts just when people thought you had pushed the level of human endurance as far as it could be pushed. Should be a pretty fair summer for you as no one else wants to even try to keep up with your act!

TAURUS April 20 to May 20. Nice going! Nice going!! Everyone else backed out of the race so you, being your stuborn and foolish self decided that it was time to try to outdo Aries and now that you have made a Ram(or something) out of yourself, you are probably wondering why everyone is laughing at you? After a performance like that I would suggest that they will probably be laughing for a long time to come... ...hardy har har!

GEMINI - May 21 to June 20 There is a lot good that can be said about you. Unfortunately, nothing comes to mind at this time so I will just lay another bad trip on you. The amazing thing about Gemini's is a tendency to go out and make the self same mistake twice (sometimes 3 or 4 times)in a row. You try to pass it off as being good - you say that at least you are persistant! Sorry but others see it as just plain, good old-fashioned, down-to-earth stupidity. What else can I say? Have a gay Easter. Watch out (VD).



CANCER - June 21 to July 22 You are going to have a pretty good year. No, you are not going to get a parole, win a million in the Lotto, or advance to go - but don't be too glum. A fine year is in the making for you. There has been a sudden upsurge in your fortune - you will probably make it through the whole year without getting V.D.

Leo - July 23 to Aug. 22 It is a rough and tumble world. As mitchell said, when the going gets tough, the tough get going. But, as you may not have realized it before, Mitchell was not a Leo. He was one of the few politicians that had at least something going for him. Most Leo's make good heavyduty machine operators. Well, some Leo's are even used for land fill and other useful things. Best advice for the coming month - stay away from reclamation sites and keep a sharp eye out for garbage trucks. Good hunting.

VIRGO Aug. 23 to Sept. 22. Whay what a wonderous change Something must really be in the offing. Married, Virgo's almost to the person, have topped the charts for faithfulness to their spouses this month. Too bad this new-found chastidy did not extend to the single's. Most Virgo's do not stay married very long because it is too much to ask for any one person to have to put up with a Virgo more than two days running. Oh well, nice try! Better luck in the future!

LIBRA - Sept 23 to Oct. 22 You have had a wonderful month. Sad to say that an ill wind blows your way and you are likely in for some rough sailing. People have tended to overlook most of your shortcomings because there have been others whose performances were so bad that they captured the spot light from you. I guess you will just have to try a little harder in the future. It is rather a big let down for you to have to give up the spotlight to anyone.

SCORPIO - Oct 23 to Nov 21 You should be in the movies but unfortunately Soap Operas have gone out of the vogue. You might try looking for work but I would not expect too much success in the private sector though you might always try the guberment - they are notorious for hiring anyone that everyone else has rejected. There are still some vacancies for missionary work in Biafra.

SAGITTARIUS Nov22 to Dec21 You are the life of every party. You have a gigantic capacity for voluntailly making a fool of yourself Others are always polite and laugh AT YOU. Though at times it is open to debate whether or not you are very funny. So goes the battle. Life for others would be blessed if you were elsewhere however the world at large, is unfortunately stuck with a lot of your kind. You have been getting more honest & outright in your approach. Rather than making new friends you have only superceded in turning ever increasing numbers of people off - Good luck!

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 to Jan19 The new year greeted you smiling. You had the key to the future in your hand but as usual - you muffed it. At this point in time you will really have to move to keep pace with the rest of society. Contrary to your opinion, they are not moving so fast that you have trouble maintaining the pace - rather because you are a lazy do nothing, you think everyone else is in a hurry.

AQUARIUS Jan. 20 to Feb 18 Water water everywhere, why in the hell can't you take a bath? I know that it is none of my business but I was just curious? There is NO harm in asking. If enough people ask, maybe you will take the hint and do something to correct your smelly ways. There is a promise for a brighter, and cleaner, future for you if you would only pay attention to others as well as your greedy self.

PISCES Feb 19 to March 20. You and a fish have a lot in common. Have you looked in the mirror lately? I suspect not - and I don't blame you. Things could be a lot worse. You could have an Aquarius for a partner. Then all hadies would break loose. See if you can't set an all time new record by living one whole day in your dismal life without offending another living being - maybe!

"WHAT ABOUT OUR RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES. I WORSHIP MONEY AND YOU'RE BROKE!"

DAD
"IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE MOM, BUT I MESSED IT UP."

"FIFTEEN YEARS IS NOT SO LONG. YOU'VE ALREADY DONE 12 DAYS."
JOE'S

"DOES THIS MEAN WE'RE THROUGH, FLOYD?"

"YOU ARE GOING ON A PASS. NOW PROMISE ME THAT YOU WON'T DO SOME-THING STUPID!"
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"WELL- THERE GOES ALL MY PLANS FOR THE DAY!"
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